GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DEPLOYMENT OF BOATS WITH SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENTS IN INDIAN OCEAN FOR OCEAN STUDIES
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to deploy boats equipped with sophisticated equipments in Indian Ocean for ocean studies; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE IAND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b): The Department of Ocean Development and its institutions are presently deploying 5 research vessels in the seas around India and the Indian Ocean for various oceanographic research and studies. These vessels are:-

1) Oceanographic research Vessel (ORV) Sagar Kanya
2) Fishery Oceanographic Research Vessel (FORV) Sagar Sampada
3) Research Vessel A.A. Sidorenko
4) Coastal research Vessel (CRV) Sagar Purvi and
5) CRV Sagar Paschimi

Except the Research Vessel A.A. Sidorenko which has been chartered for a period of 3 years the other 4 vessels are owned by the department. All the research Vessels have both dry and wet laboratories with equipments for collection of samples and data and their analysis onboard. The vessels ORV Sagar Kanya, FORV Sagar Sampada and RV A.A. Didorenko are ocean going vessels and operate largely in the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean for various oceanographic studies and experiments.The vessels CRV Sagar Purvi and CRV Sagar Paschimi being coastal research vessels operate essentially in the coastal waters for monitoring coastal pollution and for coastal surveys.